

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 193

By Bell

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Jane Littlejohn on her selection as 2013 Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Jane Littlejohn is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Littlejohn was recently selected as 2013 Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education from The University of Alabama at Birmingham in 1979, her Master of Science degree in special education: gifted & talented from The University of Alabama in 1982, she attended the Confratute Summer Institute for Teachers of the Gifted at the University of Connecticut in 1988 and 1989, and she attained her Masters + 30 from Cumberland University in 2005; and

WHEREAS, with twenty-seven years of experience in the education field, Jane Littlejohn has served with acumen and alacrity as a fifth grade language arts and assessment writing teacher for ten years at George R. Stuart Elementary in Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, she previously served as a teacher at Cleveland Middle School; Taylor Road Middle School in Atlanta, Georgia; Sequoyah Elementary in Russellville, Arkansas; Homewood Middle School in Homewood, Alabama; Regional Education Center in Tuscaloosa, Alabama; and Rudd Jr. High School in Birmingham, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Littlejohn is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, active in her community, Jane Littlejohn has participated in the Cleveland City Schools Mentor Program, the School Leadership Team at George R. Stuart Elementary, the School Leadership Team at Cleveland Middle School, and as an East Tennessee Representative for the TCAP Reading Passage Review Team; and

WHEREAS, she has served as Co-Chair and Presenter for the Tennessee Association of Middle Schools, as Institute Dean of the Summer Leadership Institute, as Department Chair of Gifted Education Services at Taylor Road Middle School, and as a Presenter at the National Middle School Association Regional Conference; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Littlejohn supports the United Way and she is an active and devout member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, which she has served faithfully in many capacities, including as a Relay for Life participant, a three-year member of the Church Vestry, member of the Christian Education Committee, and she worked with the original Steering Committee; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Jane Littlejohn was also named the 2003 Teacher of the Year, and her classes have been recipients of two Cleveland Education Foundation Grants: Write the Right Way and Hands on Math; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Littlejohn truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Jane Littlejohn epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Jane Littlejohn on being chosen as the 2013 Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.